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FOREIGN RELATIONS/NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

1. Policy, plans, and programs regarding US/Argentine issues and other foreign policy matters affecting US interests; perceptions of US policies, attitudes toward the US, and expectations about the US/Argentine relationship.

2. Political and economic relations with West European countries, especially Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries; policies, positions, and intentions in the dispute with Britain over the Falkland Islands.

3. [redacted]

4. Relations with other countries in the Southern Cone (especially Chile but also Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay); policies and plans that might affect these countries, especially intentions and actions with regard to the dispute with Chile over the Beagle Channel.

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5. The impact of the Falklands crisis on Argentine relations with other Latin American countries, including Peru and Cuba. Argentine perceptions of its role in regional affairs, including Central America, and plans and programs relating to regional objectives.

6. [redacted]

7. Positions on significant international issues; the factors involved in the development of these positions; intercourse and cooperative action in international political and economic fora with nonaligned or Third World groups.

INTERNAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS

8. The viability of the current government--the status and political standing of President Reynaldo Bignone, Army Commander-in-Chief Cristino Nicolaides, Navy Commander Jorge Anaya, and the Air Force Commander-in-Chief; the degree of civilian politician, military, and popular support. Intentions, policies, and attitudes of key leaders, including attitudes toward the US.

9. The decisionmaking process, including the cohesiveness of the current leadership, its relationship with the military services, factors influencing its decisions, and the extent of its control of government activities, including in the economic area.

10. The armed forces as a political force--the role of leading officers in the decisionmaking process; rivalries and factionalism within the armed forces; military relations with the government hierarchy and influential civilian figures; any opposition within the military to current government policies and direction, such as policy relating to the Falklands and moves toward normalization; views within the armed

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forces on domestic politics and economic conditions.

11. Activities and intentions of the political parties and labor organizations in relation to the current government, especially plans for coordinated or cooperative opposition activities; identification of issues of common concern; potential for revival of Peronism; pressures for transition to democratic rule; planned responses to political liberalization measures or against specific government policies.

12. Popular attitudes about the domestic political and economic situation and the effectiveness of the current government.

13. The government's ability to identify and deal with possible destabilizing situations, including any evidence of repressive measures taken to eliminate opposition activity. Government intentions in respect to charges of past human rights violations.

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14. Details about Argentine extremist groups, right and leftist, in Argentina and abroad, particularly the Montoneros. Information on their leadership, membership, plans and objectives, and sources of support. Government's ability to counter extremist activity.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

16. The effectiveness of government economic policies in dealing with current problems. The impact on the domestic economy and planning of economic measures taken because of the Falkland Islands crisis.

17. Economic performance, both agricultural and industrial; identification of factors limiting or stimulating production, including the effect of government programs and policies; the ability to sustain exports. The progress and effects of the government's privatization program.

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18. Energy policies, programs, and plans the status of major projects such as the Yacyreta hydroelectric project; policies relating to oil production, exploration, and development of new resources; trends in oil imports and domestic consumption.

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MILITARY

20. Military doctrine and planning for the development and deployment of the Argentine armed forces, including budget allocations, modernization plans, regional and alliance commitments, and the Argentine appraisal of opposing capabilities.

21. The capabilities and effectiveness of the Argentine armed forces; force levels, including equipment; progress of refurbishment and modernization efforts; morale and level of training of military personnel; command and control capabilities; mobility and availability of support systems; tactical doctrine; operating practices.

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23. Capabilities of the Argentine defense industries; production plans; degree of dependence on foreign sources for technology and components for military products; plans and goals to expand sales in foreign markets; details of arms sales or military assistance programs.

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